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In re Application of

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance mailed October 8, 2004, the examiner requires a new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a), specifically one which identifies this application by application number and filing date.

It is respectfully submitted that the declaration in this application was filed along with the original application, prior to assignment of an application number or filing date by the US Patent and Trademark Office, and thus the "is attached hereto" box is checked for the specification section. The declaration clearly indicates German priority application 19858173.4, filed in Germany on December 16, 1998.

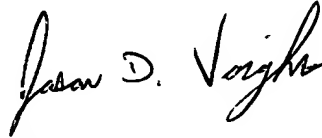
For the reasons indicated above, it is believed that the declaration filed in this

case is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a).

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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